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All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Waabigoni Giizis - Flower Moon - May 2006



"Old Style & Contemporary Dance"



Women's Traditional Presenter Ruth Bussey, leads cultural committee members and others in the "Chicken Dance."



Men's Traditional Presenter Lester Drift and Student Assistant Don Chosa Jr. demonstrated a variety of dances.



Men's Fancy Bustle Dance Presenter Adrian King (left) with Student Assistant Steven Denomie (right) dazzled up the afternoon with their exhibitions.

Dancing, and Women's Fancy Shawl Dancing. Each category included a presenter and student assistants. Hourly Door Prizes were won by many of the 75 individuals who registered at the event. Watch for more events to be held by the Cultural Committee (more presenters on page five).

Tribal Council Members:

Susan J. LaFerner, President
Warren C. Swartz Jr., Vice-President
Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary
Doreen Blaker, Asst. Secretary
Toni Minton, Treasurer
Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr.
Fred Dakota
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Shawanung
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews



Special points of interest:

- April 15, 2006, Tribal Council Meeting
- Letter from President LaFerner seeking Gaming Commissioners
- Gaming Commission Raffle License Procedure
- Gloria Shalfoe, OCC Student of the Year
- Ojibwa Quilters Quilt for the home-bound
- KBIC Spring Community Basketball Tournament
- KBIC New Hires
- Akiimadizwin — All life living together in harmony — (2006 Women's Retreat)
- Community Calendar

APRIL 15, 2006 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on April 15, 2006. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Toni Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Shawanung present. Michael LaFerner was absent.

Susan LaFerner recognized a number of Thank You and for your information correspondences received from the community. In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner stated that she, Mr. Baker and Chuck Brumleve participated in a conference with Mr. Jim Zorn and staff from the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding the concerns and how the Commission can and will be involved in mining. On March 8-9-10th, Councilman Mike LaFerner and President LaFerner attended the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Fisheries and Habitat Conservation "Partners Awards Luncheon" in Washington D.C., where our K.B. Natural Resources Department received a Partnership Government Award. On March 15th, Mr. Baker, Chuck Brumleve and President LaFerner met with Ms. Michelle Halley, Attorney for the National Wildlife Federation and Manager of the Lake Superior Project on our concerns about mining in the Yellow Dog Plains. On March 29th, Mr. Baker and President LaFerner delivered our Airport Casino 2-part determination application to Mr. Terrance L. Virden, Regional Director, Herb Nelson and staff in Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and had an opportunity to discuss the application with them (see separate press release, page 5). Ads will be put in the L'Anse Sentinel this week for openings on the Economic Development Committee, Youth Committee, Pow-Wow Committee and Fire Fighting Committee. We also will be asking for interested persons to sit on a new "Drug Task Force" that will be forming in May. Many of our committees and the Tribal Council are concerned with the arrests and problems associated with drug abuse with all ages in our Community. As Keepers of the Earth, President LaFerner is asking for volunteers to clean the sides of our roads and start an "Adopt-A-Road" program similar to the State's "Adopt-A-Highway". President LaFerner thanks the many individuals who are faithful in cleaning the roadsides each year on their own and ask that they begin cleaning as soon as possible, especially on April 22nd (Earth Day). Also on that date the "Clean Sweep 2006" will be held.

The first public meeting on the Kennecott Eagle Project permit application will be held on Tuesday, April 18, at NMU, and is being held by the Michigan DEQ to provide an opportunity for interested parties to informally discuss and formally record public comments regarding this Part 632, Nonferrous Metal Mining, Permit Application. A copy of the application can be reviewed at the Tribal Center.

Please remember that the Secretarial Election to adopt or reject the proposed amendment to our constitution to allow 18-years olds to vote in our elections will be on May 2nd. The annual KBIC/Village of Baraga Spring clean up will be held on May 18-23. President LaFerner thanked Arlan Friisvall and his staff for plowing and keeping approximately 80 of our seniors citizens and our businesses drive-ways open this past winter.

Larry Denomie III reported on Council meetings held during the months of February and March in the Secretary's Report. Council approved \$10,200 for new surveillance equipment for Head Start and Daycare; approved a budget modification for Tribal Education in the amount of \$3,139.79 to hire temporary help while Helen Jondreau is off for maternity leave; approved Resolution KB1449-2006 for the Healthy Start Grant regarding Nutrition and Obesity; approved a Service Agreement for the Smoking Cessation Classes; approved \$2100 for the Natural Resources Dept. Fish Health Inspection contract; approved use of the Industrial Park borrow site for Sand Point cover soils; approved \$300 for the Alcohol Free Weekend on April 8th at MTU; approved \$25,000 for Baraga County Tourist and Recreation Association budget shortfalls; approved gaming licenses; offered the IT Manager position to Tom Chosa; approved the Education Committee By-laws; Resolution KB1455-2006 recognition of the Education Committee; approved the Secretarial Election Budget in the amount of \$1865; approved a raffle license for KBOCC; approved Resolutions KB1450-2006 IRR Bridge Construction, KB1451-2006 Recreational Lease for John Jacker, KB1453-2006 Coburn Acquisition, and KB1454-2006 Caverly Acquisition; authorized Ojibwa Housing Authority to retain ownership of two homes purchased by the Tribe, and the Tribe retains right to the land; approved changes to the Casino Sensitive Key policy; approved changes to new policy regarding rehiring of employees; approved \$31,200 for the Agylisis Phase II contract; approved \$1080 to purchase an extended warranty from Zeremba Equipment for the new Head Start bus; approved \$1000 each for Congressmen Kildee,

Kennedy and Pallone's campaigns; approved Resolution KB1452-2006 VOCA Grant application; donated \$1000 to the KB PeeWee Hockey Team Champions; approved \$2735 for the Fish Hatchery water supply wells; approved Tri Matrix Laboratories for the Brownfield response program; approved sending a letter of support regarding the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration and Protection of the Great Lakes Basin; denied gaming licenses for badges K0009 and S0167; approved Resolutions KB1457-2006 for the Secretarial Election; approved \$2109.40 for the AIHEC Conference in Green Bay, WI; approved \$4456 for the Lake Superior Community Partnership membership; approved Resolution KB1456-2006 ANA Assessment Grant; approved \$6815 for a copier for the new Small Business Center; approved \$1000 for Congressman Stupak's campaign; approved \$1900 for Broadcast Electronics for Eagle Radio; approved Bittner Services Agreement for NRD Hatchery Water Levels and the agreement between the KBIC and Village of Baraga for reimbursement for U.P. Engineer costs; approved the PowWow budget at \$103,535; approved having the PowWow committee handle all issues relating to the Miss KBIC Princess and having their decisions being final; approved business license for Jerry Magnant (Superior Water and Sales) pending approval of their LLC status; approved business license for Tim Friisvall (Frizz's Tobacco and Sales); approved \$1500 for the Skitters Ski Show during the Trout Festival; approved Resolution KB1454-2006 for the Caverly Acquisition; motioned to not have Tribe enter into the water users agreement with the Township of L'Anse on behalf of Tribal members; consented to allowing Dan and Elizabeth Connor to have an inspection done on the Tribe's home that Dale and Hope Dakota used to live in; approved the raffle license procedure and application for same; approved \$439,880 for network installation and equipment for Agylisis contract; approved Resolution KB 1458-2006—BIA 10% Plan and Resolution; approved KB1459-2006 for Residential/Commercial Lease Cutting; approved Annual Commercial Fishing Licenses; denied a request from Robert Ellsworth to transfer his remaining fish tags to John Tolonen and Tammy Seymour; approved costs to convert to natural gas at Martha Dakota and Russell Kinnuen's home at the lowest bid; motioned to have the Regulatory Compliance Officer review title 31 transactions and report to the Council on May 1st; motioned to pay Superior National Bank \$13,959.74 for the unpaid balance of the Guaranteed Loan not paid by Damian Swartz; approved gaming licenses; approved a vendor license; approved a raffle license; approved the Sand Point borrow site timber plan; approved the joint plan for the spring cleanup with the Village of Baraga with changes to per vehicle charges; approved the Clean Water Act Treatment as a State Jurisdiction Determination; approved moving forward with hiring our own group to review Kennecott Minerals mining application; approved \$340,605.40 for new equipment in the cage dept.; approved up to \$8500 for a new roulette wheel at the Baraga Casino; approved up to \$2000 for the Women's Retreat; approved \$600 for Brittney Maki to attend a Childhood Education Seminar in Lansing; approved \$500 for Jake Misegan to attend a mission trip to Alaska; approved a raffle license request for the KBOCC indoor play center; approved the Health Board By-laws; approved Resolution KB1461-2006 for the Land to Trust Application; approved promoting Dawn Richards to Comptroller and Don Larson to Controller; Elizabeth Mayo rescinded her motion to review Title 31 documents due to clarification presented by CFO; approved reclassifying the Diabetes Coordinator (Kathy Mayo) as the Director of Community Health Director; approved a services agreement for Rachelle Bachran; approved an independent contractor agreement for Dale Schmeisser; authorized a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for the James Byykkonen case; authorized a wage increase for the acting Chief of Police at .85 retro to the date he began the duties and approved the Blue Cross Blue Shield employee portion increases as presented. The Treasurer's Report was not available.

Council viewed presentations by Rob Aho, Engineer and Project Manager on the Sand Point Reclamation Design, by Matthew Wesaw of the Pokogen Tribe on an invitation for KBIC to join the United Tribes of Michigan, and from Jan Zender of the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve Committee who requested KBIC comments (verbal or written) at the first public meeting on the Kennecott Eagle Project on April 18th.

Jennifer Misegan presented a proposal to be administered by the Educational Committee establishing the Ann (Miller) Misegan Memorial Scholarship—a medical/dental student funding source available up to six years. Motion to approve the scholarship was made by Elizabeth Mayo, supported by Elizabeth Matthews and carried.

Five vehicles for Mud Drags—1) Rhea Koski/Dale Dakota, 2) Don Koski, 3) Dan Koski, 4) Tom Chosa/Brandi Koski, 5) Troy LaFerner; and five vehicles for stock car racing—1) Todd Pittsley, 2) Shane Pittsley, 3) Dan Hueckstaedt, 4) Jeff Klopstein, and 5) Joe Dowd, all requested sponsorship. Motion by Fred Dakota for each of the ten vehicles to receive \$1000 sponsorship funding and for each of the vehicles to display a decal from one of the tribal businesses, supported by Gary Loonsfoot and carried.

Margarita Nieskes requested assistance in the amount of \$902.52 to attend an International Club trip to Germany, Austria and Switzerland. She has raised the rest of the required money. Motion by Larry Denomie III to approve \$1102.52 which includes \$200 for spending money, and to also give Jake Misegan \$200 spending money from a prior request which has been past practice, supported by Doreen Blaker, and carried.

Miranda Voakes requested assistance in the amount of \$4800 to attend a summer semester at the Northern Michigan University Regional Police Academy. Motion by Warren Swartz Jr. to approve \$4200 (\$600 Sovereignty fund is available) for Miranda Voakes to attend NMU Regional Police Academy, supported by Shawanung and carried.

Lynn Misegan on behalf of Jenny Haataja requested assistance in the amount of \$331 to attend a Youth and Government function. Jenny is a L'Anse High School student. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo for \$331 for Jenny Haataja to attend the Youth and Government function and to include \$200 additional for spending, supported by William E. Emery and carried.

William E. Emery introduced the Tribal Gaming Commission Code of Ethics (action number 077-2006) for approval. Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve Tribal Gaming Commission Code of Ethics, supported by Fred Dakota and carried.

The Third Reading of the Gaming Commission Ordinance was scheduled to be heard. After discussion, amendment 2006-01 to Ordinance 2005-2 was introduced by Larry Denomie III. Motion by Larry Denomie III to approve amendment 2006-01, supported by Warren Swartz Jr., supported five (Swartz, Denomie, Minton, Loonsfoot, Matthews), opposed five (Dakota, Blaker, Mayo, Emery, Shawanung), President LaFerner supported, motion carried. Amendment 2006-02 to Ordinance 2005-2 was introduced by Warren Swartz Jr. Motion by Warren Swartz Jr. to approve amendment 2006-02, supported by Larry Denomie III and carried. Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve Gaming Commission Ordinance with changes, supported by Toni Minton and carried.

John Bussey, Gaming Commissioner, requested approval to publish letter to the membership for openings on the Gaming Commission. Motion by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. to publish letter for openings on the Gaming Commission, supported by Larry Denomie III and carried.

John Bussey requested approval for KB-02-06 for a Head Start/Early Head Start raffle with prizes being a quilt and other homemade items. Motion by Larry Denomie III to approve raffle application KB-02-06, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. and carried. John Bussey requested approval for KB-03-06 for a Head Start/Early Head Start raffle with prizes being a 50/50 of money collected. Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve raffle application KB-03-06, supported by Toni Minton and carried.

Terri Denomie and William Jondreau requested assistance with the KBIC Head Start Graduation Gifts and the KBIC Head Start 9th Annual PowWow. Motion by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. to approve \$1000 for the PowWow and \$380 (\$20/each of the 19 children graduating) for gifts, supported by Larry Denomie III and carried.

Doreen Blaker requested on behalf of Marty Curtis Jr., assistance for the men's basketball team to attend the Annual Inter-Tribal Tournament in Lac du Flambeau, WI. Motion by William Emery to approve \$460 for the team to attend this tournament, supported by Toni Minton and carried.

A request was received from the American Legion Post #444 to help with costs associated with putting out brass grave markers and American flags on all the graves of local Veterans for Memorial Day this year. Motion by Larry Denomie III to approve up to \$500 for the American Legion Post #444 for flags and grave makers, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. and carried.

Ed Janisse requested approval for the contracts to be signed for WCUP 105.7 Eagle Country Presents the 5th Annual "Salute to Hometown Heroes" concert. This year opening act will be Luke Stricklin with John Michael Montgomery as featured performer. Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve contracts for Luke Stricklin and John Michael Montgomery, supported by Toni Minton, opposed (Matthews) and carried.

A discussion occurred on the annual fishing derby. It was suggested that this derby be dedicated yearly in memory of different individuals who have walked on and were involved with fishing. Prior to adjournment, Council went into closed session with Cherie Dakota, Mike Jensen, John Baker and Susan LaFerner per the agenda.

**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION
107 Beartown Road
Baraga, MI 49908**

KBIC GAMING COMMISSION RAFFLE LICENSE PROCEDURE

- 1). **Applicant must obtain KBIC raffle license application form from the KBIC Background Investigator/License Coordinator at least 14 calendar days prior to the date of the raffle.**
- 2). **Applicant must complete and return application to the KBIC Office of the Executive Director of Gaming Commission at least 12 calendar days prior to raffle.**
- 3). **The KBIC Office of the Executive Director of Gaming Commission will investigate and determine validity of information presented on application form.**
- 4). **The KBIC Office of the Executive Director of Gaming Commission will submit application form to KBIC Tribal Council/Gaming Commission for review and approval.**
- 5). **The KBIC Tribal Council/Gaming Commission will forward a copy of approved application to Executive Director of Gaming Commission.**
- 6). **The KBIC Executive Director of Gaming Commission will forward approved (signed) application/license to applicant.**

Please Note: In order for a license to be valid it must be approved by the Tribal Council/Gaming Commission and signed by the Tribal Council President/Chairman of the Gaming Commission. It is the responsibility of the applicant to present a license request in a timely manner to allow for it to be scheduled for approval at a scheduled Tribal Council meeting. Failure to submit the application in a timely manner may result in postponing the date of the raffle.

**KBIC Tribal Council/Gaming Commission
Approved: March 16, 2006**

For Your Information—

Dear Tribal Member:

The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from qualified Tribal members who would like to serve as Gaming Commissioners. All interested members should submit a letter of interest and resume detailing their qualifications for the positions of Gaming Commissioners by May 30, 2006. The Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and resumes, will interview selected members and select three Tribal members as Gaming Commissioners by July 30, 2006.

Compensation for service as a Gaming Commissioner will be wages or stipends as determined by the Tribal Council. It is estimated that hours will average 10 to 20 hours per week. Attached to this letter are the qualifications necessary for the positions of Gaming Commissioners.

If you are interested in serving as a KBIC Gaming Commissioner and feel you meet the qualifications, please submit your letter of interest and resume no later than May 30, 2006, to the KBIC Tribal Council, Attn: Gaming Commissioner Position, 107 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908.

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Susan J. LaFerner,
Tribal Council President/CEO

Qualifications of KBIC Gaming Commissioners —

In accordance with the Tribal Gaming Commission Ordinance KBIC Tribal Gaming Commissioners shall have at least the following qualifications:

- A) A Commissioner shall be an enrolled member of the Community and shall be at least twenty-five (25) years old.
- B) A Commissioner must pass a background test, drug screening and pre-employment physical.

- C) No person shall serve as Commissioner if the person has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a felony of any kind or a misdemeanor related to illegal gaming, bribery, drug abuse, or dishonest act.
- D) A Commissioner must have a high school diploma or GED.
- E) A Commissioner shall not have a Conflict of Interest unless such Conflict of Interest has been fully disclosed to the entire Commission and to the Tribal Council and both entities have approved or waived the Conflict of Interest, separately from each other and in duly adopted resolutions.
- F) A Commissioner must not hold any elected position within the Community while at the same time serving as a Commissioner.
- G) A Commissioner must not hold the position of CEO or CFO while at the same time serving as Commissioner.
- H) A Commissioner shall not be an employee of the Commission.
- I) A Commissioner shall not be employed in any capacity by a Gaming Establishment.
- J) A Commissioner must have demonstrated extensive knowledge of federal Indian law, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and related statutes and regulations by possessing three (3) years experience in casino management, prior Gaming Commissioner, or related education in business, finance or law.

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION/CODE OF ETHICS

Declaration of Purpose of Code

In order to conduct the regulatory responsibility assigned to the Tribal Gaming Commission, a certain standard of conduct needs to be established for all Tribal Gaming Commission members. The work of the Tribal Gaming Commission is highly sensitive in nature. It is essential that high moral and ethical standards be maintained by all Tribal Gaming Commission members in order to (a) eliminate conflict of interest (b) improve the standard of public service, and (c) maintain the trust and confidence of the public with the Tribal Gaming Commission.

Commissioners are representatives of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. They cannot and should not have personal and economic interest in the decisions and policies of the Commission. They should retain their personal and economic rights as Tribal Members.

The provisions of this code, rules and regulations, which may be established and are now in effect and to those issued hereafter by the Commission, are to be interpreted in the context of the above principles and are deemed to be in the best interest of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Responsibility of Commissioners

Commissioners are required to uphold their regulatory responsibilities in compliance with all Tribal, State and Federal gaming regulations that apply to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Further, they are bound to observe in their official responsibilities, the standards of ethics set forth in this code and to faithfully discharge their duties as Commissioners. Commissioners shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all their activities. They shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the Gaming Commission.

Definitions

Persons—Any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association or organization.

Confidential information—Any written or oral material or computer generated information related to the Tribal Gaming Commission and entrusted to the members in confidence or which is designated in trust to the members in carrying out their duties.

Financial Interest—Any interest which yields directly or indirectly a monetary benefit to the Commissioner by any person employing or retaining the service of the Commissioner.

Any Thing of Value—Any money or property, favor, gratuity, discount, service, payment, advance, forbearance, loan, gift, or promise of future employment. It includes services as well as gifts of transportation, travel, meals and lodging, whether in-kind or as reimbursement after the expense has been incurred. It does not include anything paid for by a local, state or the federal government or anything for which fair market value is paid by the recipient.

Unsolicited Item of Insignificant Value—Item not requested by the Commissioner having no resale potential and is promotional or educational in nature.

Immediate Family—With respect to the person under consideration, the father, mother, sibling, spouse, children, grandparents or grandchildren.

Conflict of Interest

Receipt of gifts and gratuities are prohibited. Any Commissioner shall not accept anything of value in the form of a gift, service, loan or promise from any person which may impair his or her independence of judgment or action in the performance of his/her official duties or to secure special privileges or exemptions for himself/herself or others.

Exception—It is not a conflict of interest for a Commissioner to receive an unsolicited item of insignificant value.

Personnel Interest—No Commissioner shall take part in any decision or discussion involving their immediate family.

Business Interest—A Commissioner shall not engage in any business, transaction or act in regard to any financial interest, direct or indirect, which:

- a. is incompatible with the proper discharge of his/her official duties for the benefit of the Casino, Bingo or Tribe;
- b. is contrary to the provisions of this code; or
- c. might require or induce him/her to disclose confidential information gained by reason of his/her position on the Commission; or
- d. use confidential information for his/her personal gain or benefit; or
- e. transact any business in his/her official capacity with any business entity of which he/she is an officer, agent, or member, or in which he/she owns interest.

Attendance

If a Commissioner has unexcused absences for more than three consecutive meetings of the Commission, the Commissioner may be removed from his/her office by vote of the Commission. A record of all removal proceedings together with the charges and findings thereon shall be kept by the Secretary of the Commission and the record of the proceedings shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Tribal Council.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

All Commissioners shall abide by the KBIC Drug and Alcohol policy.

Penalty for Violation

The Tribal Council may sanction or suspend any Commissioner for violation of the Code of Ethics.

GLORIA SHALIFOE—OCC STUDENT OF THE YEAR



Gloria has a 3.19 GPA and is studying in the Liberal Arts program. Along with working fulltime and being a fulltime student, she also volunteers her time, participating in activities for the youth. Gloria has always encouraged education as she loves to learn and hopes that, from her example, her young relatives, along with people in the community, will be given an incentive to continue their education as well.

ANNOUNCEMENT —

The KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start will be accepting pre-enrollment applications for the 2006-2007 school year, from April 7, 2006—June 15, 2006. Applications will be mailed to current enrollees and available at the Tribal Center, Tribal Health Department or by calling the Head Start Center at 524-6626.



KBIC / Village of Baraga Spring Clean-Up 2006

KBIC is co-sponsoring the annual spring cleanup with the Village of Baraga. The KBIC/Village of Baraga Spring Clean-up will be from Thursday, May 18, through Tuesday, May 23, 2006. The dumpsters will be open to all Baraga Village residents and KBIC members from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm everyday of the clean-up period. There will be a cost of \$5.00 per truck load of garbage or single axle trailer and a cost of \$20.00 for pickup trucks hauling larger trailers. KBIC will pay the drop off charge for Tribal members. All participants must provide proof of Village residency or Tribal membership to dump garbage (i.e. Village utility bill, Tribal membership card). A security guard will be posted at the dumpsters from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am everyday of the clean-up period. An ad will be placed in the L'Anse Sentinel advertising the clean-up and describing the types of refuse accepted. Tires, oil, liquids, paint, scrap metal, hazardous materials, and yard wastes will not be accepted.

KBIC FILES TWO-PART GAMING APPLICATION

Susan J. LaFernier, the President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council, stated that, "I am pleased to announce that yesterday, March 29, 2006, the Community filed an application with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the approval by the Secretary of the Department of Interior for relocating the casino operations from the existing Chocolay Township Casino to a new casino to be constructed on the former Marquette County airport property in Negaunee Township."

President LaFernier stated that, "The application for the two part determination by the Secretary was filed yesterday with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Minnesota and will require a thorough review by both the BIA Regional Office and the Central Office in Washington, DC. This application is required in addition to the land into trust application that was filed with the BIA in 1999. We anticipate that the review of our gaming application will be completed within the next five to six months."

The relocation of the gaming operations from Chocolay Township to Negaunee Township is in fulfillment of the Community's commitment to local units of government in Marquette County, including the Township of Negaunee, the City of Negaunee, Chocolay Township and the Marquette Board of Commissioners, and to Governor Engler; which was made during the process of obtaining the necessary approval for the operation of the casino in Chocolay Township.

The new casino will be a state of the art casino with 600 slot machines, up to 20 gaming tables, and a 106 room hotel with banquet and conference facilities. The anticipated increase in revenues will assist the Community in providing expanded governmental services and programs to its tribal members including additional housing, expanded health care services and increased educational and job training opportunities.

The relocation will also benefit the local community by fostering additional economic development in and around the airport property and the creation of more jobs for both tribal members and non-tribal members. Additionally, the Community will reimburse local units of government for government services and impacts associated with the Negaunee casino by payments made with two percent funds.

The Community would like to thank the local communities of Negaunee Township, the City of Negaunee, Chocolay Township, Ishpeming Township, the City of Ishpeming, Marquette Township, Powell Township, Republic Township, and the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, in addition to the many community organizations that have expressed their support for the relocation of the Chocolay Casino operation to the airport property," President LaFernier concluded.

Ojibwa Quilters Quilt For Homebound



(left to right) Nancy Shalifoe, Janice Shalifoe, Mary Loonsfoot, Carol Jacker, Shirley Clish (missing from photo Florence Uusitalo) are the Ojibwa Quilters.

Twenty-two KBIC members or spouses who are homebound received a home-made lap quilt, made for each of them by the loving and caring hands of the Ojibwa Quilters.

The six women (Florence Uusitalo, Janice Shalifoe, Mary Loonsfoot, Shirley Clish, Carol Jacker, Nancy Shalifoe) eagerly worked twice a week and some weekends to finish the quilts in a one-month period. They utilized a grant to purchase the material and got to work right away on their project.

If anyone would like to donate supplies (fabric, blankets, padding, etc.) or if you know of an individual who is homebound, please contact the quilters at the Ojibwa Senior Citizen's building (353-6096).

"Old Style & Contemporary Dance" *continued*



Women's Fancy Shawl Presenter Summer Cohen with Student Assistants, Megan Cohen, Danika Strong and Sammy Tolonen, demonstrated different styles.



Men's Grass Dancing Presenter Everett Ekdahl Jr. with Student Assistants Shiloh Lussier and Raistlin Awonohopay.



Women's Jingle Dress Presenter Dorothy Sam spoke of the jingle dance with the help of Adult Assistant Karlene Chosa and Student Assistants Dalene Chosa and Hope Minton.

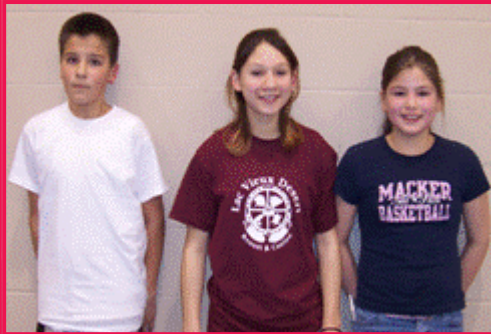


Now is the time to begin cleaning our Cemeteries in preparation of Memorial Day to remember all of our veterans and loved ones. We appreciate all of the hard work that many of you do each year. There will be a Memorial Day Service at the Pinery Cemetery and Assinins. Please be watching the L'Anse Sentinel for the times. Miigwetch!

KBIC SPRING (COMMUNITY) BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



13 & ↓ Free Throw Competition Winners: (left to right) 1st place—Shaneesa Hayes of LVD received \$50, 2nd place—John McGeshick of LVD received \$25, 3rd place—Otis Malmgren of KBIC received \$15.



13 & ↓ Three Point Competition Winners: (left to right) 1st place—Alden Connor Jr. of KBIC received \$50, 2nd place—Shaneesa Hayes of LVD received \$25, 3rd place—Joette Baldwin of LVD received \$15.



14 & ↑ Free Throw Competition Winners: (left to right) 1st place—David Perez III of Mt. Pleasant received \$50, 2nd place—Dan Giddings of KBIC received \$25, 3rd place—Shiloh Lussier of KBIC received \$15.



14 & ↑ Three Point Competition Winners: (left to right) 1st place—Steve Bates of Baraga received \$50, 2nd place—Robert Voakes of KBIC received \$25, 3rd place—Jared Gauthier of KBIC received \$15.



KBIC Girls 3rd/4th grade—(front l-r) Toriana Rasanen, Sheena Halverson, Desiree Jer-mac, (back l-r) Coach Cody Blue, Elli Morin, Sammy Tolonen, Katrina Ravidran, Coach Daanis Chosa.



KBIC Boys 3rd/4th grade—(front l-r) Kevin Denomie, Chaz Forcia, Samuel Dix, (back l-r) Coach Leif Forcia Sr., Keith Denomie, Joe Beauprey, Devin Bowers, Asst. Coach Leif Forcia Jr.



KBIC Girls 5th/6th grade—(front l-r) Gabrielle Picciano, Megan Tucker, Brittany Nieskes, (back l-r) Coach Jennifer Misegan, Brooke Chaudier, Shani Shelifoe, Deena Misegan.



KBIC Boys 5th/6th grade—(front l-r) Ethan Lee, Jay Gauthier, Toni Nieskes, Otis Malmgren, (back l-r) Clifford Durant Jr., Gaven Picciano, James Veker, Brandon Nieskes, Gary Loonsfoot III, Coach Tina Messer.



Hornets—Girls 7th-9th grade—(front l-r) Sam Mishler, Tashina Emery, Sam Crebessa, Jessica Lawson, (back l-r) Asst. Coach-Jennifer DeCota, Brooke Chaudier, Jade Chaudier, Courtney Vanderzandan, Asst. Coach-Shauna DeCota (Zena Huhta/Coach not in picture).



KBIC I Girls 7th-9th grade—(front l-r) Rebecca Gauthier, Carla Connor, Tiana Drift, Jennifer DeCota, (back l-r) Coach Chad Cichosz, Jackie Jossens, Shauna DeCota, Ronnie Jossens, Caroline Picard.



KBIC II Boys 7th-9th grade—(front l-r) Desmond DeCota, Jared Gauthier, Leif Forcia Jr., (back l-r) Donald Chosa Jr., Clifford Durant Jr., Dustin Shelifoe, Coach Jessie Forcia.



LVD Girls 7th-9th grade—(front l-r) Joette Baldwin, Marissa Burke, Gertrude McGeshick (back l-r) Bricka McGeshick, Shaneesa Hayes, Seraya Labine, Coach John McGeshick Sr.



KBIC II Girls 7th-9th grade—(front l-r) Janell Bianco, Mariah Furaitar, Dalene Chosa, Brittane Gauthier, (back l-r) Coach Chad Cichosz, Jessica Messer, Jessica Bianco, Devinne Kent, Betsy Ekdahl.

The KBIC Youth Club would like to express their deep appreciation for all the help they received from volunteers, who assisted in any way with the 2nd Annual Basketball Tournament. Chi Miigwetch! 🏀



KBIC I Boys 7th-9th grade—(front l-r) Gaven Picciano, Alden Connor Jr., Dylan DeCota, (back l-r) Coach Alden Connor Sr., Robert Voakes, LeRoy Gauthier, Joe Paquin.



LVD Boys 7th-9th grade—(front l-r) Justin Hartzog, Rain McGeshick, Christian Garrison, (back l-r) John McGeshick III, David Baldwin, Coach John McGeshick Sr.



KBIC II Boys 10th-12th grade—(front l-r) Jaren Forcia, Shiloh Lussier, Kyle Arten, (back l-r) Coach Jessie Forcia, Shayne McGeshick, Joey Jossens, Jake Durant.



KBIC I Boys 10th-12th grade—(front l-r) Jordan Ekdahl, Chris Loonsfoot, Dan Giddings, (back l-r) Coach Alden Connor Sr., Dylan Morin, Craig Koski, Josh VanStraten, Steven Geroux.



BP Ballers Boys 10th-12th grade—(front l-r) Zack Sauvola, Cody Ireland-Brat, Kyle Chosa, (back l-r) Coach Larry Denomie, Trevor McGaHa, Nick Killian, Steven Denomie.



LVD Boys 10th-12th grade—(front l-r) Darren Williams, Sage Winkaa, James Williams, Brandon Aimsback, (back l-r) Coach Roger Labine, Craig Fox, Chris Fox, Michael McGeshick, John Silversmith, David Perez.



KBIC Girls 10th-12th grade—(front l-r) Abby Durant, Taylor Drift, Tiara Drift, Jessica Picard, (middle l-r) Kirsten Nicklas, Casey Chosa, Ava Picard, (back l-r) Coach Cheryne LaPointe, Fanchon Picard, Wausau Sandman, Cody Blue, Daanis Chosa, Coach Sheila Ekdahl.



LVD Girls 10th-12th grade—(front l-r) Liz McGeshick, Laura Hartzog, Robin Pete, (back l-r) Coach John McGeshick Sr., Monica Gonzalez, Brittany Allen, Priscilla McGeshick.



Hornets Girls 10th-12th grade—(front l-r) Brittany McDonald, Jackie Nevala, Rachel Cranford, (back l-r) Jessica Kemppainen, Nellie Collins, Lauren Bianco, Jackie Collins, Jennika Nevala, Beth Dorsky.

The KBIC Youth Organization hosted their 2nd Annual Basketball Tournament on Friday, March 31st and Saturday April 1st. This year the event was opened up to the community.

The 3rd/4th grade KBIC Boys took first place over the 3rd/4th grade KBIC Girls team. The 5th/6th grade KBIC Boys team took first place over the 5th/6th grade KBIC Girls team. The 5th/6th grade Boys team won in an exhibition game against the 7th/9th grade Girls team.

In the 7th/9th grade girls division—1st place went to LVD, 2nd place to KBIC I and 3rd place to

Hornets. In the 7th/9th grade boys division—1st place went to KBIC I, 2nd place to KBIC II and 3rd place to LVD.

In the 10th/12th grade girls division—1st place went to LVD, 2nd place to the Hornets and 3rd place to KBIC. In the 10th/12th grade boys division—1st place went to KBIC I, 2nd place to LVD and 3rd place to BP Ballers. The 10th/12th grade girls game between the Hornets and KBIC went into double over time. In these last two divisions, all games were very close and very exciting.

Plans are for the KBIC teams to travel downstate the weekend of April 21st-23rd.

Join us for the Women's Challenge—

An eight-week challenge to increase your physical activity, beginning Sunday, May 14, 2006, Mother's Day, to kick off National Women's Health Week. Sign up now... it's quick and easy. Womenshealth.gov/whw/woman



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WELCOME CHANGE

A Key to Mental Well-Being

May is mental health month, and I wanted to share an important ingredient in mental well-being. That ingredient is being able and willing to handle change.

Flexibility is the ability to adapt and to bend with change. Change is the one thing we can count on – yet we tend to resist it. We think that if we resist hard enough, change won't occur. Our resistance to change - our wall - only hardens us. People will leave, vacations will end, children will grow and leave home, our roof will leak, our jobs will change, our bodies will age and we will do things we wish we had not. The quality of our mental health will depend on how we handle change – not whether it will happen – because it WILL happen. Will we bend and grow, or will we harden and break?

This is especially important now, because we are living in a time of tremendous change, and things seem to keep changing at a faster rate (weather, gas prices). A key to health is to accept change, and yes, even welcome it. Can we say, "OK, change – I knew you were going to happen," rather than "Why does this always happen to me?" Successful living involves a certain spirit of adventure – can we view this change as an adventure – as a challenge?

We get to choose our attitude. If you are going up steps, how do you feel if you say, "Oh no, 2 more flights!!" as opposed to "only 2 more flights to go, I can do this." What messages do you give yourself (after all – you ARE listening!). Do you give yourself "**I can do this**" messages (for example, "I know it won't be easy, but I can do this. I've done hard things in the past")? Or do you give yourself "**I can't do this; I can't stand this**" messages? Research shows that "I can't stand this" messages to ourselves make it harder for us to cope, and can lead to anxiety, depression and increased pain.

Stretching makes you more flexible – mentally and emotionally, as well as physically. Venture out of your comfort zone and try on a new attitude – if even for 20 minutes! If you like the results, you can try it for 40 minutes.

Tips to improve psychological flexibility:

Wear something unusual for you

Go to work by a different route

Notice how you talk to yourself- count how many times in an hour you say something negative to yourself

Say something nice to someone you usually don't talk to

Thank someone you had forgotten to thank

Learn a new dance step

Go do one thing you have been avoiding

If you are right-handed, use your left hand for something, such as drinking your morning coffee

Be more willing to tolerate discomfort

Make a decision to be more cheerful, and carry it out, if only for 10 minutes

Dr. Marianne Brady
Youth & Family Services, Donald A. LaPointe Medical Facility

NOTICE TO ALL KBIC TRIBAL HEALTH PATIENTS UTILIZING CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES FOR OPTICAL SERVICES!

The Contract Health Service fund has been depleted for Optical Services. The KBIC Tribal Council has allocated funds to cover optical services for KBIC enrolled members during this shortage.

ENROLLED KBIC MEMBERS STILL HAVE COVERAGE UNDER KBIC TRIBAL COUNCIL ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR OPTICAL SERVICES.

IF YOU ARE NOT AN ENROLLED KBIC MEMBER AND ARE SEEKING OPTICAL SERVICES, PLEASE TALK WITH ELVERA LANTZ, 353-4537, ABOUT OPTIONS, INCLUDING SELF-PAY, OTHER PROGRAMS THAT MAY ASSIST, OR HAVING YOUR NAME INCLUDED ON A WAITING LIST FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

Questions or concerns can be directed to Cherie Dakota @ 353-4521. Miigwetch!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Bernard S. "Bernie" Schofield

(- March 20, 2006)

Bernard "Bernie" Schofield, 59, of Milwaukee, WI (born in L'Anse) 'walked on' March 20, 2006. Bernie was the beloved husband of Kathryn; dearest father of Gerald (Debbie) Goniwicha, Natalie (Donald) Schofield, Denise (Jay) Seefeldt and Kevin Schofield; dearest grandfather of Gerald Jr., Brandon, Donald Jr., Austin, Alyssa, Nolan, Bailey, and Tyler; dear great grandfather of Gavin; dear brother of Robert (Carol), Barbara, Cheryl, Christine, the late Kenneth (Christine), Michael and Donald (Natalie); dear son-in-law of Henry and Sophie Kupsik; further survived by nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. Bernie was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Muriel Schofield.

Bernie loved bowling, shooting pool and his job at Metro Auto Parts. He was known for his dignified, quiet temperament and his sense of humor. Bernie served his country proudly in Vietnam.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, March 23rd, at the Max A. Sass & Sons Funeral Home in Milwaukee, WI, then to the St. Adalbert Cemetery. Online guestbook—www.maxsass.com

Jeanette Mae Stevens

(July 21, 1941 - March 27, 2006)

Jeanette "Gally" Mae Stevens, 64, of Baraga, died Monday morning, March 27, 2006, at her home following a battle with cancer. She was born July 21, 1941, in Beartown, Michigan, a daughter of the late Joseph and Pearl (Nadeau) Loonsfoot. Jeanette is survived by two daughters, Robin Gauthier of Baraga and Vicki Szymanski of Kenosha, WI; grandchildren, Dylan, Brandon and Darian "Honna" DeCota; special friend, Tom Paquin Sr. of Baraga; siblings, Charles "Chuck" (Molly) Loonsfoot Sr. of Baraga, Joan "Bubbles" (LeRoy) Gauthier of Baraga, Eugene "Cowboy" (Katie) Loonsfoot Sr. of Baraga and Bernard "Beaver" (Marie) Loonsfoot Sr. of Chicago, IL; step-children, Beatrice Stevens of Wisconsin, and Mark Stevens of Chicago; special grandchildren, Tom "Buddy" Jr., Tahala "Sunshine", David, Joseph "Diggy" and Janelle "Nell" Paquin. Besides her parents, Jeanette was preceded in death by her husband, Fredrick Stevens; infant son, Eugene Gauthier; siblings, Donna Mae "sister" Kinnunen, Joseph "Sonny" Loonsfoot Sr. and Anthony "Tony Bags" Loonsfoot.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, March 30, 2006, in the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church at Assinins, MI, with Rev. Augustine George officiating. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.


Ojibwa Community Library—

I appreciate the responses to the library survey. The suggestions are great. I'll have the results in the next newsletter. Beginning May 8, the library will be open 20 hours per week. We will be closed on Friday. I will let everyone know the exact times as soon as possible.

One of the Early Head Start Classes will be visiting the library on April 20. Lisa Denomie will be giving books to the children as part of the "Reading is Fundamental" program. Pictures will be in the June newsletter.

I want to thank Rose Edwards and Penny Olson for their generous donations of audio books and movies/DVD's to the library. Another generous donor is Donald May from Trout Creek.

The library just received the book "A Seat at the Table," by Huston Smith in conversation with Native Americans on religious freedom. The library now receives the magazine "Diabetic Living" which was purchased by DESTINY. It's a quarterly publication. Thank you to DESTINY for their generosity.

READING IS A HOOT—In celebration of the theatrical release of Hoot, New Line Cinema, Walden Media and the Young Adult Library Services Association are pleased to present a list of engaging books for young readers who are interested in learning more about the environment. Whether saving the habitat of an endangered species of owls or observing the abundance of life in your own back yard, these titles are sure to spark curiosity about nature and the world around us. Check out these books: *CITY OF THE BEASTS, *THE RACE TO SAVE THE LORD GOD BIRD, *SAVING THE PLANET AND STUFF, *ONE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE: Inspiring actions that change our world, *JACKIE'S WILD SEATTLE, *LOSTMAN'S RIVER, *THE MAZE, *ENDANGERED PLANET, *CALIFORNIA BLUE, *THE BOOK OF NORTH AMERICAN OWLS, *GREEN THUMB  ~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

NEW HIRES at KBIC

Women's Health Promotions Educator— Heather Wood



Hello, I'm Heather Wood, and I have lived in Baraga County for many years. I graduated from L'Anse au Loup High School, and

then went on to earn my Bachelor degree in Preschool & Family Life Services from Northern Michigan University. Recently, I have also earned a certificate as a group exercise instructor.

I was previously employed as the KBIC Medical Receptionist and have now moved to the second floor as the Women's Health Promotions Educator. I am very excited about my new position because I have a chance to actively interact with the women in our community.

I enjoy participating in a variety of activities, and though I am a little sad to see all of the snow leave because that means an end to winter sports, I am happy to welcome the summer months of fishing, camping and the Relay for Life. Hope to see you soon.



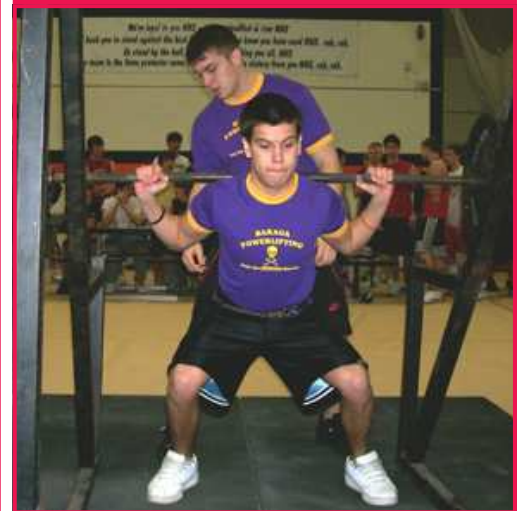
Tribal Child Support Director— Tami Lorbecke

KBIC was recently awarded federal funding to enhance existing tribal child support services by establishing a Tribal child support program. Initial funding is for a two-year start-up phase that will transition into a full-fledged tribal child support services program capable of providing a full range of child support services to KBIC families by January 2008.

One of the program's first tasks of hiring a Director was completed when Tami Lorbecke accepted the position. Tami was born and raised in north-central Wisconsin, lived in southern Florida for six years and Oklahoma for three years, but has always considered the north-woods home. Tami lived and worked in Lac du Flambeau, WI, for ten years beginning with work for the Native American Domestic Abuse Program. When the Tribe received funding to establish their own child support program, Tami was hired as the Director and served in that position for four years until a personal change in circumstances motivated her to accept a position as a Project Manager with the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services in Oklahoma where she has worked the past three years. She has worked exclusively in the tribal child support arena since 1999 and has participated on tribal, state and federal levels to promote the best interest of children and to ensure the protection of tribal sovereignty in regards to child support enforcement. She has a Bachelors Degree in Psychology with a minor in Native American and Rural Social Work with an emphasis in Women's Studies.

Tami has a married daughter living in Merrill, WI, a married son and two granddaughters living near Wausau, WI, and a daughter and granddaughter living in St. Paul, MN. She also has numerous extended family members who live in Wisconsin. Her desire to be closer to family and a more intricate part of her granddaughters' lives prompted her move closer to home. Tami enjoys reading, doing genealogy research and fishing in her spare time, but time spent with her three granddaughters is what she enjoys most.

TRIBAL MEMBERS ON CHAMPION WEIGHT- LIFTING TEAM



Chris Loonsfoot lifts, Dan Giddings spots.

On Saturday, March 18, 2006, in Newberry, Michigan, the Baraga Vikings Powerlifting Team successfully defended their title—U.P. State Powerlifting Champions for the second year in a row. Congratulations to all the Vikings. Following are tribal members scores:

8th grader—Kelly Shanahan (KBIC) took top honors (at 130 lbs, he had a total lift of 650 pounds). Shanahan had a best squat of 225 lbs, a 150 lb. bench and a 275 lb. dead lift.

Chris Loonsfoot (KBIC), a 142 pound sophomore, finished second in his weight class JV competition. Chris had a squat of 215 lbs, a bench of 165 lbs and a dead lift of 315 lbs with a 695 total lift. In the next weight class JV competition—Jordan Ekdahl (KBIC), a 160 lbs sophomore, took top honors. Jordan had a squat of 225 lbs, a bench of 205 lbs and a dead lift of 260 lbs for a total lift of 690 lbs. In the 155 division, Dave Paquin (KBIC) took 6th place with a total lift of 680 lbs.

In the 181 division, 167 lb junior Dan Giddings took first place. Dan had a total lift of 1,000 pounds! Dan had a 240 squat, 260 bench and a dead lift of 400 lbs. A new member of the team, Dylan Morin, a 168 lb junior, took 5th place with a best squat of 280 lbs, 215 lb. bench and 350 lb. dead lift, for a total lift of 845 pounds. Steven Geroux, a 200 pound junior, finished 8th with a 250 lb. squat, 185 lb. bench and a 375 lb dead lift. Mike Lahti (Dowd), in the 242 division, placed 5th with a 335 lb. squat, 230 lb. bench and a 405 lb. dead lift.

Akiimadizwin — All life living together in harmony — (2006 Women's Retreat)



Graphics, Baraga American Legion, Statewide Reality, Keweenaw Candles, KBIC Youth Club and all the individuals who donated their time and money to make our retreat possible. This event was sponsored by a grant from ITC—Healthy Anishnabe Women's Project, STEPS, KBIC/DHHS, Community Health, KBIC Diabetes Program, KBOCC, Healthy Start, IHS Women's Circle Grant, Avon Breast Care Fund and the March of Dimes Community Grant.



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Community Calendar - MAY 2006

Nat'l Mental Health Month
Nat'l Skin Cancer Awareness Month
Nat'l Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events listed in calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.	1	2	3	4	5	6 Ojibwa Community College Graduation
7 Nat'l Nurse's Week	8	9	10	11	12	13 KBIC Head Start Graduation and Pow Wow
14 Happy Mother's Day! Women's Health Week	15	16	17 Nat'l Employee Health & Fitness Day	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day, Tribal Gov't Offices closed.	30	31 World No Tobacco Day; Nat'l Senior Health & Fitness Day	Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.		

Keweenaw Bay Office of Planning & Development to Sponsor a Culturally Relevant Indianpreneur Training.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will be hosting an Indianpreneur training class which will run for two weekends, May 9, 10 & 11, 2006, and May 23, 24, 25. This is a two part training class, and students will need to attend both sessions. The class will be held at the Anishinaabe Anokii. This class is being presented by the American Indian Economic Development Fund (AIEDF).

The AIEDF is a nonprofit agency in St. Paul, MN, who helps American Indian entrepreneurs by providing individualized, culturally-relevant business education, counseling, and mentoring throughout the loan process. The AIEDF provides culturally sensitive financial technical assistance. They arrange and facilitate meetings between the entrepreneur and the main lender, participate in the loan process by providing gap funds at below-market interest rates and act as an advocate for the interests of the entrepreneur throughout the application, approval, and repayment process.

The Fund makes loans to men and women who are creating or expanding retail, services and manufacturing business—all of which hire American Indians as employees.

If you are interested in starting a business or expanding an existing business and would like more information about the entrepreneur class or want to request an application for the class, please call Tina Durant, Services Coordinator Anishinaabe Anokii, at 906-524-2222.

‘KINOMAAGE’ COURSE OFFERED FOR NMU SUMMER COLLEGE—The Northern Michigan University Center for Native American Studies will offer a special topics course titled “Kinomaage: Earth Shows Us The Way” for Session 1 of the Summer Term. The course will meet from 5:30-9:50 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, May 22-June 29. The term “kinomaage” literally can be translated into “the earth it shows” in the Ojibwemowin language.

Through field trips and local walks, students will acquaint themselves with area plants traditionally harvested by the Anishinaabeg. Two additional field trips outside of class will be required. Class discussion will compare and contrast Anishinaabeg and western earth relations while also taking a look at current ecological concerns affecting area plants and their communities.

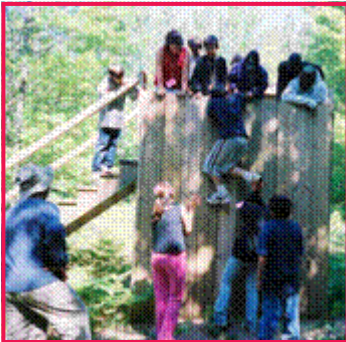
Aimee Cree Dunn will instruct the four-credit course. Don Chosa will serve as the language consultant. For more information, contact the center for Native American studies at 906-227-1397.

The Native American Summer Leadership Program is returning to Northern Michigan University’s campus this summer. Student going into 6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the fall are eligible to attend. Campers should plan to arrive on campus at 1 pm EST on Sunday June 25 and must be picked up by 1 pm EST on Saturday July 1.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for transporting their children to and from campus. We will provide all food; a dorm room they will share with one other camper; recreational activities including swimming and hiking; cultural activities which may including beading and Ojibwe language; leadership and teambuilding activities; programs designed to encourage school attendance and preparing for college; and around-the-clock chaperones who are current college students.

Applications are available from school guidance counselors or Title VII counselors. They are due **June 1**. Spaces are limited to 24 girls and 24 boys, and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, contact Camp Director Shirley Brozzo at 906-227-1554.



Retold Ojibwa Story, submitted anonymously by a community member

HOW NOKOMIS MADE THE FOOD TASTE SO GOOD

Many, many years ago there was a Nokomis who loved to cook meals for all the people in her village. Whenever she cooked, people came from near and far to feast upon the food she made that was gathered from the earth. Everyone took great pride in Nokomis’ meals, and everyone brought food for her to cook and helped her prepare it.

The women and children helped her tend the gardens and with carrots, beans, peas, corn, leaks, and potatoes. They picked mushrooms in the spring and helped her gather strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries and cranberries during the summer. Nokomis knew gathering berries was

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Summer 2006 Schedule of Courses "Catch Your Dream Through A Superior Education"					
Locations/Contacts:	Course Number and Name	Instructor	Day	Time	Location
Four Directions Center 111 Beartown Baraga, MI 49908	BI210 Botany (4 credits) Requires 3-day overnight field trip. Lab Fee \$120 Fulfills Science Requirement 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of May 22nd Course Ends Week of July 10th	P. Nankervis	Mon, Wed	9:00am-12:00pm	*Science Lab
Educational Bldg * 409 Superior Baraga, MI 49908	BS145 Business Communication (3 credits) 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of May 8th Course Ends Week of June 26th	J. Kappler	Tue, Thu	2:30pm-6:15pm	115
Fine Arts Center 325 Superior Baraga, MI 49908	EC202 Macroeconomics (4 credits) Fulfills Social Science Requirement 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of May 8th Course Ends Week of June 26th	J. Kappler	Mon, Wed	2:30pm-6:15pm	115
Main Phone Number (906) 353-4600	ES242 Wetlands (4 Credits) Requires 3-day overnight field trip. Lab Fee \$120 Fulfills Science Requirement 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of May 22nd Course Ends Week of July 10th	P. Nankervis	Mon, Wed	5:00pm-8:00pm	*Science Lab
Admissions Information (906) 353-4604	EN250 Native American Images in Literature and Film (4 Credits) Fulfills Humanities and Native American Awareness Requirements 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of May 8th Course Ends Week of June 26th	P. Olson	Mon, Wed	2:30pm-6:15pm	113
Registration Information (906) 353-4605 or (906) 353-4606	ES207 Science, Technology, and Culture (4 credits) Fulfills Humanities Requirement 8-Week Course Open Only to NASA Summer Research Students	T. Marshall	TBA	TBA	TBA
General Advising (906) 353-4606	HU109 Introduction to Humanities (4 Credits) Fulfills Humanities Requirement 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of May 8th Course Ends Week of June 26th	P. Olson	Tue, Thu	2:30pm-6:15pm	113
Library Phone (906) 353-8163	LS207 Contemporary Issues in Government and Public Affairs (4 credits) Fulfills Social Science Requirement 8-Week Course Open Only to NASA Summer Research Students	T. Marshall	TBA	TBA	TBA
Science Lab Phone 906-353-8162	MA095 Basic Math (2 credits) Does Not Fulfill Transfer Requirements 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of May 8th Course Ends Week of June 26th	TBA	Tue, Thu	9:00am-10:45am	111
Registration Steps 1. See an advisor (Penny Olson, Mary DeLine, John Kappler, or Teneice Marshall). 2. Obtain an advisor's signature on your registration card. 3. Register with the Enrollment Coordinator (Liz Julio). Note: You are only registered after following all these steps.	PY101 Psychology (4 Credits) Fulfills Social Science Requirement 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of June 5th Course Ends Week of July 24th	F. Taddeucci	Mon, Wed	5:00pm-8:45pm	111

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hard work, and after she offered her tobacco, she let the children snack as they collected berries. This gave the binoojinh just enough sweetness, so they would smile and laugh while they listened to the stories Nokomis shared with them as they picked and gathered berries.

In the early spring Nokomis showed the children how to tap the Maple trees, collect the sap, and boil it, so they had syrup and candy during the fall and winter. When the ricers went out in the late fall, they brought Nokomis back precious manoomin which she would then cook, pop, use in soup, or make bread with for the people.

The hunters brought her rabbits, birds, deer and bear. The fisherman gave her a steady supply of whitefish and other fish. Everyone shared the gifts the earth had shared with them with each other, and while they shared their efforts everyone had full bellies and good health.

One day two brothers were out on the lake fishing. The older brother had caught ten fish and told his younger brother that this proved he was the best fisherman of the community. All of a sudden, the younger brother speared a white fish that must have weighed more than all of the other fish in the boat combined. "Ha!" yelled his younger brother. "Who's the best fisherman in the community now?"

The brothers continued their bickering and arguing all the way back to the shore. Once they pulled the boat out of Gitcheegoumee, they separated the fish and took them home instead of taking them to Nokomis. That night there was no sweet tasting white fish in the pot when the community came together to eat.

This attitude spread throughout the community. If someone couldn't be known as the best hunter, vegetable grower, fisherman, ricer or berry picker, they stopped bringing food to Nokomis. The meals which had kept the tribe healthy for so long became less and less. The people still showed up to eat, but they went away hungry with their bellies grumbling and growling.

"Why don't you cook for us anymore, Nokomis?" they would ask her. Even worse some of them complained that all Nokomis did was boil water now with no flavor.

One night when the people showed up to eat all that was left was the fire pit with ashes and small pieces of charred wood. Once that fire pit had held Nokomis' big pot where so many wonderful meals had come from. Now there was no Nokomis, no pot and no food.

After awhile as the stomachs rumbled and grumbled, two of the children shared some dried berries with the other children that they had been holding onto. Another child shared some maple candy. Soon some vegetables were shared. Before long everyone brought some food forth and began sharing it with each other. It became one of the biggest feasts the people had ever had. The next day Nokomis was back home with her pot, and everyone brought food to her, and as she started to cook, the children gathered around to her laugh and tell stories.

"Nokomis, where were you yesterday?" the children asked. "We missed you."

"I had to go away," she answered, "so you would remember how to share. That is what made the food taste so good and filled all of your bellies last night."

Ever since then when the people gather together, they honor Nokomis with their gifts of food and good will towards each other, and no one ever goes away hungry or with bad feelings.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT CLASS



son, Tero Director, hopes to have another training this fall. Miigwetch to all who participated!

This was an excellent opportunity for our Tribal people. We had eleven people complete the 24 hour Bulldozer/Forklift/Safety class. They all received Industrial Lift Truck Training Certification. Pictured are Rebecca Genshow, Brian Rantanen, Robert Ellsworth, Allen Gauthier, Dianne Gougeon, and Robert Verbanic Sr. This training was sponsored by TTAP out of MTU and the trainer was John Lovoto. Deb William-

OJIBWEMOWIN

Waabigoni Giizis

Flower Moon - May

Vocabulary

Waabigon - flower	Wadiswan - bird's nest
Zaagibagaa—it buds	Ozaawa - yellow
Kitigan - garden	Miskwa - red
Bineshi - bird	Ozaawashkwa - blue/green
Bimise - he flies by; he flies	Waabishka - White

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Seeking Princess Candidates

The KBIC Pow Wow Committee is soliciting essays from young women who are interested in representing the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as their Princess for 2006-2007.

Eligible young women must be: *an enrolled KBIC member or eligible for KBIC enrollment, *13-18 years old, *A good role model (socially and educationally), *A dancer (traditional, jingle or fancy shawl), *Alcohol and drug free

The essay must be personally written by the candidate and contain each of the following: *What our culture means to you, *Why you would like to represent the tribe as it's Princess, *What you do/can do for the tribe (community involvement), *A biography about yourself, *Your future plans

Essays may be typed or neatly handwritten, must be signed and include your address and telephone number.

Essays will be accepted until 4:30 pm on Tuesday, June 20, 2006. Submit to Pauline Spruce at the Tribal Center.

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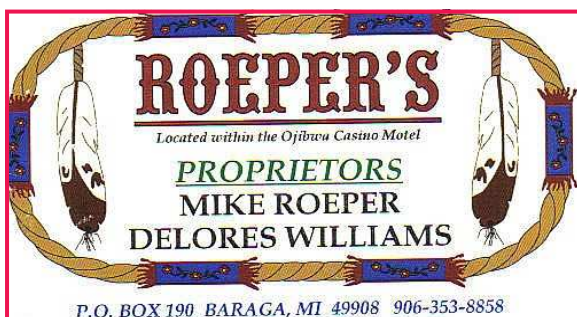


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KBIC Personnel Department
107 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140

Or visit <http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>



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First People's Work Center



The KBIC is proud to announce the opening of its new small business resource center. It is focused on the support and development of Tribal member-owned businesses. The KBIC would like to assist Tribal members in becoming more successful business owners.

Some of the many services that will be provided:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
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- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
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